



Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for September 2014, Released October 2014

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September. Thirty-one states had unemployment rate decreases from August, eight states had increases, and 11 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, five states had increases, and three states had no change. The national jobless rate declined to 5.9 percent from August and was 1.3 percentage points lower than in September 2013.

In September, the West continued to have the highest regional unemployment rate, 6.5 percent, while the Midwest had the lowest rate, 5.7 percent. The Northeast had the only statistically significant over-the-month unemployment rate change (-0.1 percentage point). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Midwest and West (-1.4 percentage points each), Northeast (-1.3 points), and South (-0.7 point).



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Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.

Unemployment Rates by State – September 2014

(seasonally adjusted)

U.S. - 5.9%

Illinois - 6.6%

Indiana - 5.7%

Kentucky - 6.7%

Michigan - 7.2%

Ohio - 5.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor,
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County – September 2014

(high to low)

#1 - Lake (7.2%)

#5 - LaPorte (6.5%)

#10- Jasper (6.0%)

#16 - Starke (5.9%)

#27 - Newton (5.5%)

#29 - Porter (5.5%)

#85 - Pulaski (4.1%)

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development,
Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment
Statistics

September 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Sep 2014 Rate	Aug 2014 Rate	Sep 2013 Rate
U.S.	155,903,000	146,941,000	8,962,000	5.7%	6.3%	7.0%
IN	3,228,451	3,062,465	165,986	5.1%	5.5%	6.9%
Gary Metro Div	326,089	304,297	21,792	6.7%	7.1%	8.2%
MichCity-LaP MSA	48,112	44,977	3,135	6.5%	7.0%	8.5%
EGR 1	391,366	365,541	25,825	6.6%	7.0%	8.2%
Lake Co.	220,763	204,881	15,882	7.2%	7.7%	8.7%
Porter Co.	83,138	78,525	4,613	5.5%	5.9%	6.9%
LaPorte Co.	48,112	44,977	3,135	6.5%	7.0%	8.5%
Newton Co.	6,666	6,302	364	5.5%	5.7%	7.4%
Jasper Co.	15,523	14,589	934	6.0%	6.4%	7.4%
Starke Co.	10,394	9,776	618	5.9%	6.3%	7.8%
Pulaski Co.	6,770	6,491	279	4.1%	4.2%	5.7%
Gary	28,363	25,509	2,854	10.1%	11.0%	12.6%
Hammond	33,151	30,609	2,542	7.7%	8.1%	9.4%
East Chicago	9,701	8,737	964	9.9%	11.0%	11.6%
Hobart	13,987	12,836	1,151	8.2%	8.6%	9.1%
Merrillville	17,612	16,439	1,173	6.7%	7.2%	8.4%
Michigan City	12,981	11,737	1,244	9.6%	10.4%	9.9%
Portage	17,872	16,686	1,186	6.6%	7.2%	8.2%
Schererville	15,410	14,636	774	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%
Valparaiso	16,096	15,253	843	5.2%	5.0%	6.5%
Crown Point	13,583	12,691	892	6.6%	6.6%	7.5%
LaPorte	9,444	9,156	288	3.0%	3.0%	7.3%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area

Unemployment Statistics. State Release Date 10-21-14.

Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Unemployment Claims September 2014

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Initial Claims

09/06/2014 - 524 (D)
09/13/2014 - 493 (D)
09/20/2014 - 459
09/27/2014 - 414 (D)

Continued Claims

09/06/2014 - 3,596
09/13/2014 - 3,525
09/20/2014 - 3,352
09/27/2014 - 3,082

Total Claims*

09/06/2014 - 4,120
09/13/2014 - 4,018
09/20/2014 - 3,811
09/27/2014 - 3,496

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

09/06/2014 - 3,527
09/13/2014 - 3,347
09/20/2014 - 3,057
09/27/2014 - 3,527

Continued Claims

09/06/2014 - 22,120
09/13/2014 - 21,793
09/20/2014 - 21,147
09/27/2014 - 20,683

Total Claims*

09/06/2014 - 25,647
09/13/2014 - 25,140
09/20/2014 - 24,204
09/27/2014 - 24,210

*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits). (D): Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

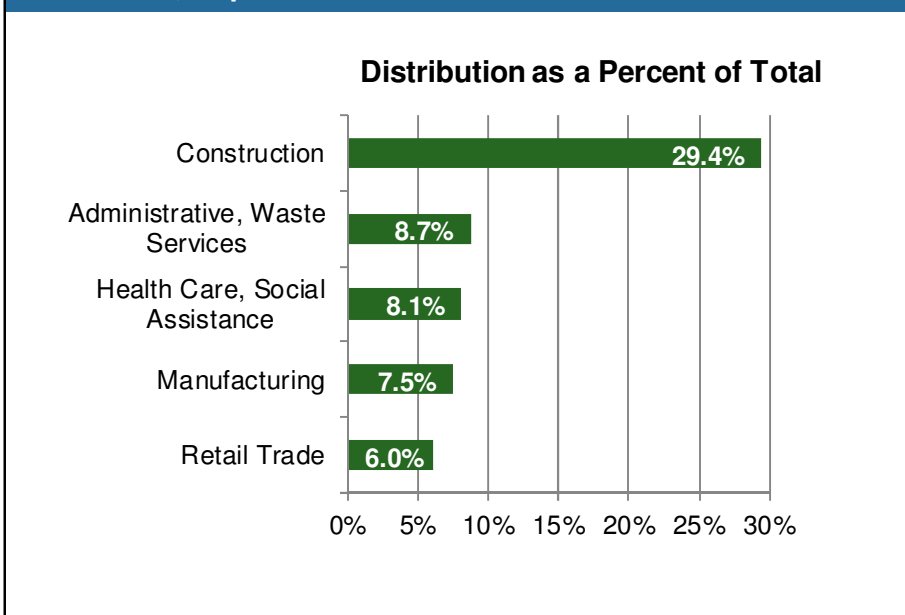
Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to September 2014 from:

CPI Item	Sep-13	Aug-14	Sep-13	Aug-14
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	1.6%	0.1%	1.7%	0.1%
Food & Beverages	3.5%	0.4%	2.9%	0.3%
Housing	2.2%	-0.1%	2.6%	0.0%
Apparel	0.8%	3.6%	0.5%	3.7%
Transportation	-0.9%	-0.3%	-0.8%	-0.9%
Medical Care	2.6%	0.2%	2.0%	0.2%
Recreation	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Education & Communication	2.0%	0.2%	1.3%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	1.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries, September 2014



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

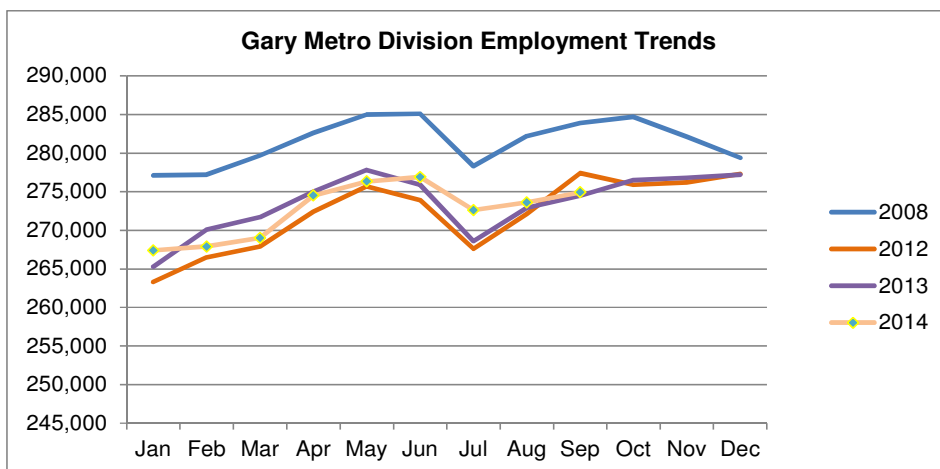
There were no WARN notices for Region 1 in September 2014

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Gary Metropolitan Division Wage and Salaried Employment, September 2014						
				Number Change	Percent Change	
Industry	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Aug-14 to Sep-14	Sep-13 to Sep-14	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	274,900	273,600	274,500	1,300	0.5%	400
Total Private Employment	237,600	238,200	238,300	-600	-0.3%	-700
GOODS PRODUCING	51,100	51,600	54,200	-500	-1.0%	-3,100
---Mining & Logging	223,800	222,000	220,300	1,800	0.8%	3,500
---Construction	186,500	186,600	184,100	-100	-0.1%	2,400
---Manufacturing	100	100	200	0	0.0%	-100
Durable Goods	15,200	15,800	18,000	-600	-3.8%	-2,800
Primary Metal Mfg	35,800	35,700	36,000	100	0.3%	-200
Iron and Steel Mills	29,300	29,100	28,500	200	0.7%	800
SERVICE PROVIDING	17,800	17,800	18,100	0	0.0%	-300
Private Service Providing	16,600	16,600	16,800	0	0.0%	-200
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	58,200	58,500	58,100	-300	-0.5%	100
Wholesale Trade	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	0.0%	200
Retail Trade	33,200	33,500	33,200	-300	-0.9%	0
Gen Merch Stores	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%	0
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	0.0%	-300
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	15,300	15,300	15,400	0	0.0%	-100
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0
---Financial Activities	8,700	8,800	8,800	-100	-1.1%	-100
---Professional & Business	22,900	22,800	22,700	100	0.4%	200
Employment Services	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%	0
---Educational & Health	47,500	46,400	47,100	1,100	2.4%	400
Educational Services	7,000	5,800	6,900	1,200	20.7%	100
Health Care/Social Assist.	40,500	40,600	40,200	-100	-0.3%	300
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,800	12,800	13,000	0	0.0%	-200
---Leisure & Hospitality	34,000	34,800	32,400	-800	-2.3%	1,600
Arts/Entertainment/Recn	7,100	7,300	7,100	-200	-2.7%	0
Food Svcs/Drnkng Plcs	23,900	24,300	23,700	-400	-1.7%	200
---Other Services	13,100	13,200	12,900	-100	-0.8%	200
Government	37,300	35,400	36,200	1,900	5.4%	1,100
---Federal Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0
---State Government	4,500	4,100	4,300	400	9.8%	200
---Local Government	30,900	29,400	30,000	1,500	5.1%	900
Local Govt Educ Svcs	17,000	15,200	17,000	1800	11.8%	0

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



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Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Applicant Pool

Top 20 Occupations Desired by Applicants on their Resumes in the past 12 months

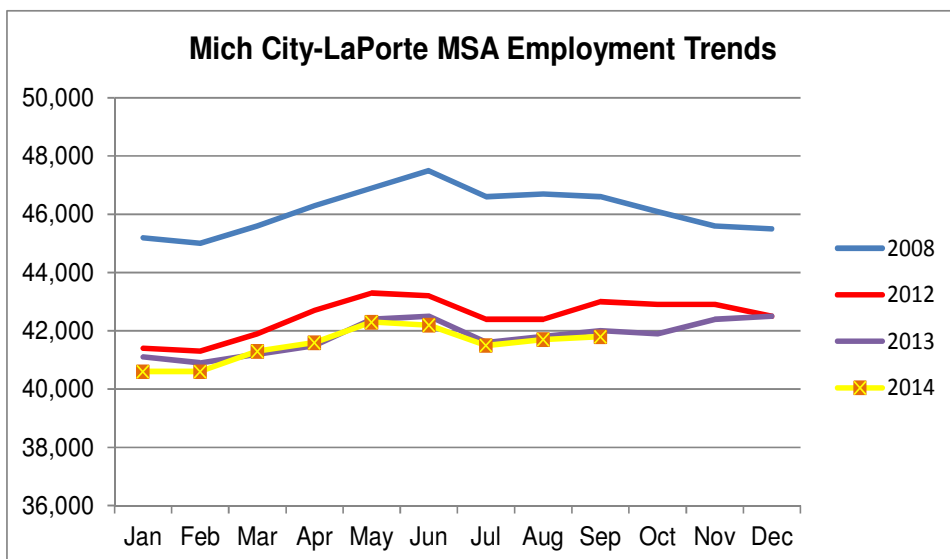
- 1 Customer Service Representatives - **649**
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - **642**
- 3 Production Workers, All Other - **641**
- 4 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - **626**
- 5 Helpers, Production Workers - **479**
- 6 Cashiers - **419**
- 7 Administrative Services Managers - **381**
- 8 Office Clerks, General - **375**
- 9 Managers, All Other - **278**
- 10 Construction Laborers - **253**
- 11 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - **237**
- 12 Nursing Assistants - **232**
- 13 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - **224**
- 14 Receptionists and Information Clerks - **205**
- 15 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks - **199**
- 16 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard - **197**
- 17 Retail Salespersons - **190**
- 18 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other - **181**
- 19 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters - **181**
- 20 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive - **173**

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect



Michigan City-LaPorte MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, September 2014							
				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Aug-14 to Sep-14		Sep-13 to Sep-14	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	41,800	41,700	42,000	100	0.2%	-200	-0.5%
Total Private Employment	35,200	35,600	35,000	-400	-1.1%	200	0.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,300	9,200	9,400	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
---Mining, Logging, Constr	32,500	32,500	32,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
---Manufacturing	25,900	26,400	25,600	-500	-1.9%	300	1.2%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing	7,400	7,300	7,500	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	9,100	9,200	8,700	-100	-1.1%	400	4.6%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,500	5,600	5,500	-100	-1.8%	0	0.0%
---Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Educational & Health	5,300	5,200	5,600	100	1.9%	-300	-5.4%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	6,100	5,500	-400	-6.6%	200	3.6%
---Other Services	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	-6.3%	0	0.0%
Government	6,600	6,100	7,000	500	8.2%	-400	-5.7%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,100	2,000	2,200	100	5.0%	-100	-4.6%
---Local Government	4,300	3,900	4,600	400	10.3%	-300	-6.5%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,400	2,000	2,500	400	20.0%	-100	-4.0%

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Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job Listings by
Number of Openings in EGR 1
for the Month of September
2014

- 1 Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
- 2 Food Service Managers
- 3 General and Operations Managers
- 4 Cashiers
- 5 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 6 Team Assemblers
- 7 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 8 Nursing Assistants
- 9 Cooks, Fast Food
- 10 Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other
- 11 Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers
- 12 Helpers--Production Workers
- 13 Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other
- 14 Production Workers, All Other
- 15 Registered Nurses
- 16 Construction and Building Inspectors
- 17 Order Clerks
- 18 Food Preparation Workers
- 19 Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists
- 20 Security Guards

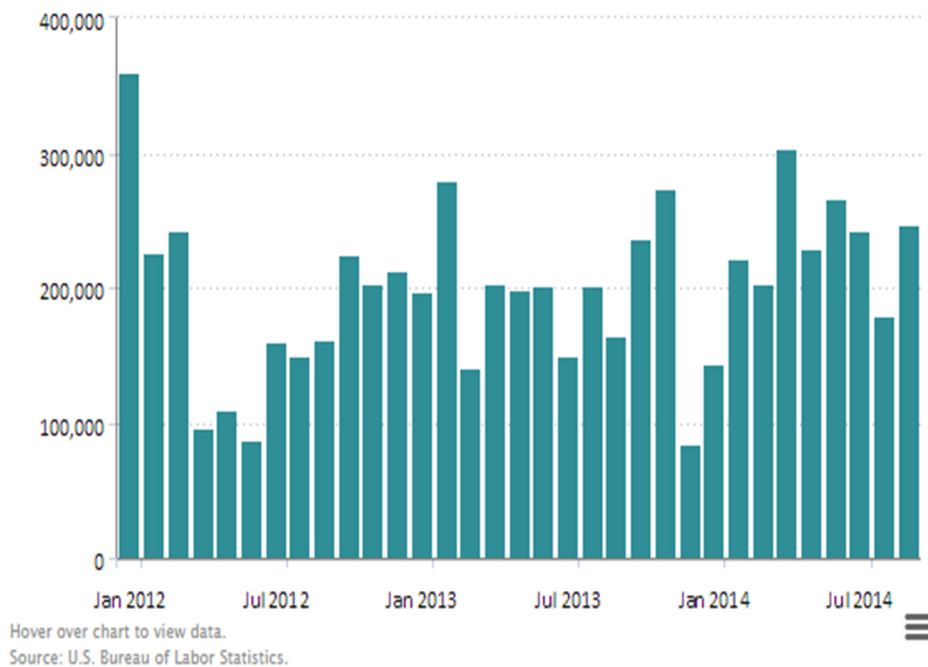
Source: Indiana Department
of Workforce Development,
Indiana Career Connect



Professional and Business Services Added 81,000 Jobs in September 2014

Total nonfarm payroll employment in the U.S. rose by 248,000 in September 2014, compared with an average monthly gain of 213,000 over the prior 12 months, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Over-the-month change in nonfarm payroll employment, January 2012–September 2014



Professional and business services added 81,000 jobs in September, compared with an average gain of 56,000 per month over the prior 12 months. In September, job gains occurred in employment services (+34,000), management and technical consulting services (+12,000), and architectural and engineering services (+6,000). Employment in legal services declined by 5,000 over the month.

Employment in retail trade rose by 35,000 in September. Food and beverage stores added 20,000 jobs, largely reflecting the return of workers who had been off payrolls in August due to employment disruptions at a grocery store chain in New England.

Education and health services gained 32,000 jobs in September. Health care added 23,000 jobs, in line with the prior 12-month average gain of 20,000 jobs per month. In September, employment rose in home health care services (+7,000) and hospitals (+6,000).

Leisure and hospitality added 33,000 jobs over the month. Employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up in September (+20,000) and is up by 290,000 over the year.

These data are from the [Current Employment Statistics \(CES\)](#) program and are seasonally adjusted. Data for the most recent two months are preliminary.

Hours & Earnings by Industry

Statewide

September 2014

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$929.63
Manufacturing	\$781.88
Durable Goods	\$830.15
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$697.05
Transport Equip Mfg	\$818.48
Non-Durable Goods	\$657.78
Retail Trade	\$403.94
Financial Activities	\$744.46
Health Care	\$633.42
Accomm & Food Svc	\$231.31
Food Services/Bars	\$226.04

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	37.2
Manufacturing	41.7
Durable Goods	41.8
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	39.9
Transport Equip Mfg	41.4
Non-Durable Goods	41.5
Retail Trade	30.1
Financial Activities	36.8
Health Care	32.6
Accomm & Food Svc	23.7
Food Services/Bars	23.4

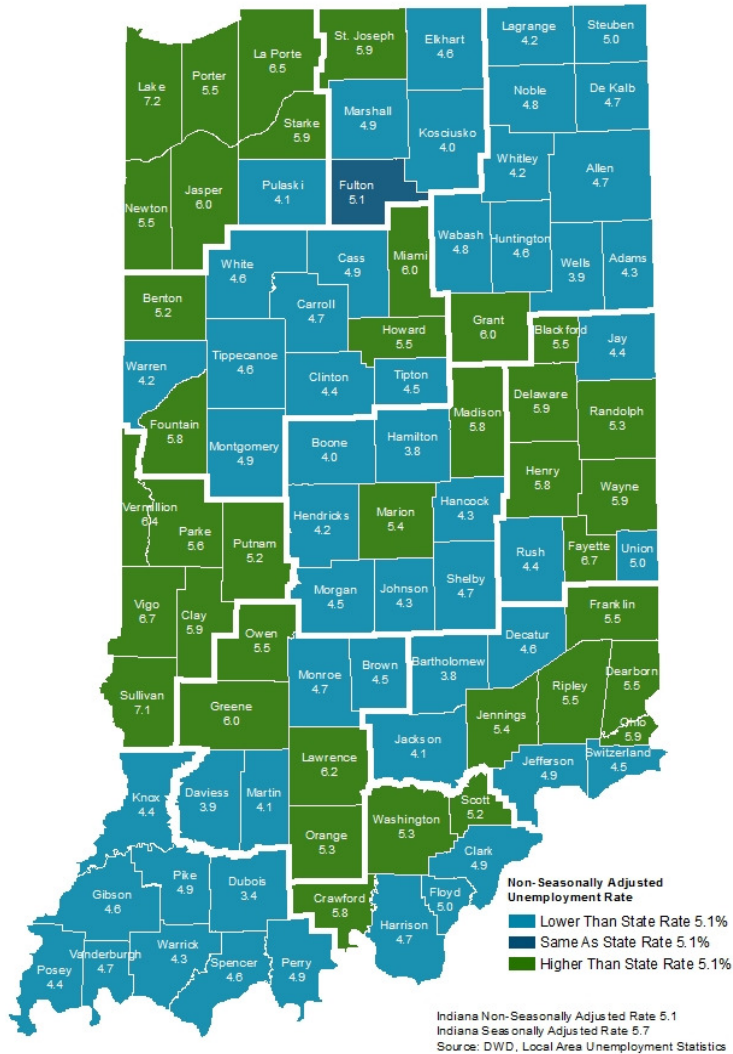
Average Hourly Earnings

Construction	\$25.35
Manufacturing	\$18.82
Durable Goods	\$19.96
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$17.57
Transport Equip Mfg	\$19.76
Non-Durable Goods	\$15.91
Retail Trade	\$13.25
Financial Activities	\$20.47
Health Care	\$19.17
Accomm & Food Svc	\$9.87
Food Services/Bars	\$9.79

Source: Indiana Workforce

Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates September 2014



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